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A leap through time. A choice to make. A destiny to change. Dismissed by her professors, ridiculed by her classmates, Serena Metcalfe is determined to prove the existence of the Samu Aqaru, the powerful stone of the ancient pharaohs - even if it means travelling through time. But her study of Egyptology did not prepare her for the dangers and passions of the real Egypt of 2361 BC. Crocodile attacks, kidnapping, betrayal, murder...and a pharaoh who believes she is a goddess and wants her as his queen. But Serena isn't about to give herself to a king - not when finding the precious Stone could mean saving the man she loves. Irresistible playboy Shepseskaf, fated for an early death, and his loyal yet ruthless cousin Pepisenkaura were once the closest of friends, but the right to the throne of Egypt and their rivalry for Serena threaten to transform them into bitter and eternal enemies. Only Serena knows the tragic destiny that awaits, and only Serena can rewrite history... by following her heart.

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Shannon says

I received an ARC from the authors in exchange for an honest review.

Wow! What a wonderful second book in The Fall Series! Serena is a wonderful leading female character who, wanting to be taken seriously by her colleagues in her doctorate program on ancient Egypt, goes back in time to the year 2361 B.C. to find some invaluable information about a desecrated Egyptian tomb she has been studying. She is rescued from a crocodile attack and taken care of by two very handsome Egyptian men. We later find out who they are, but I will make you read the book to find out that little tidbit...

Serena has many insecurities that make her a perfect heroine and the book is filled with misunderstandings, danger, and love- not just romantic love, but Serena's love of Egyptian culture, as well. In the end a vastly different choice is made than the one the reader would expect and the world is better for it.

I very much enjoyed this book. I enjoyed each character and the role they play, the well-researched historical information, and the well-thought-out plot. I cannot wait for the next book in The Fall Series! This series is quickly becoming a favorite of mine!

Mi says

Gee, i guess i loved this autor

Stephanie says

Serena is determined to prove that a magical stone exists from the ancient Egyptian time period. Her only problem is that she can not find any evidence of the stone; it's a good thing she can use her power to travel in time. After Serena's fall into Egypt in 2361 B.C., Serena is rescued by two cousins in the royal family. A love triangle develops and Serena must choose carefully while trying to look for her stone.

This is the second book in The Fall series and I have not yet read the first book, The Dreamer, but I did not feel lost at all. This was a quick, light read and was a little heavier on the romance than I generally like, but I still found the read enjoyable. I liked Serena's character and the pace of the book. I just wish the plot was a little more history driven than romance driven. Overall, a good read and I will look forward to reading the other books in The Fall series.

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Sage Adderley-Knox says

Serena time travels from New York 1977 A.D. to Egypt 3261 B.C., which is awesome. She is on a journey looking for a magical stone that could change history. In the interim of her adventure, Serena works with some spiritual guidance from her mother and her own internal desires. She also becomes involved in an

interesting love triangle with two royal cousins, both vying for her love and hand in marriage.

The Scholar is a fantastic mix of adventure, mystery, and romance. Serena is a wonderful main character with a unique beauty and a great set of values. I enjoyed how Serena stayed honest with both men, even when she wasn't dealt the same respect. Her thoughts about love are sweet and genuine.

Aside from the love triangle, there is a lot of action revolving around the search for the stone and the deep emotions it erects from the royal family and others.

Jessica says

Review by Jessica Atha

The Scholar by May Nicole Abbey is a historical fiction/time travel fantasy complete with romance, royal intrigue, treachery, and death. The fascinating ancient Egyptian culture comes alive in Abbey's richly sensuous style, including a masterfully handled language barrier.

The heroine, Serena, makes the leap through time in search of a legendary mystic stone in order to prove its existence, and her own worth, to her modern-day Egyptologist colleagues. She time travelled knowingly, saving us from the cliché moment-of-realization and inevitably passive characterization that follows. Abbey leaves us instead with an intelligent, independent, and determined woman.

However, in order to find the relic of the ancient pharaohs, she needs the help of a pharaoh. Serena has to choose between Shep, an "Adonis" playboy who's soft at heart, and Pepi, the striking, ambitious man with the drive to pursue all that he desires. These royal cousins are both placed in position to vie for the throne in a vicious familial and political struggle, and Serena gets swept up in a conflict with the fate of Egypt at stake. This love triangle is sparked not only by the passion these two men carry for the heroine, but also by their own complicated relationship, which brings these characters vividly to life. The Egyptian people believe that Serena is a goddess in the flesh because of an act made possible by her past in the modern world. The reader is left with the message that love is about bravery and being true to one's own heart.

The power of the stone is never adequately confirmed or described, which makes Serena's initial motivation to risk her life by time traveling a little weak. It's left to the reader to guess that the stone's existence was verified to Serena in her visions of her deceased mother. And that relationship which is so vital to Serena's character is also not fully explored. I would assume that some of this was addressed in book one, *The Dreamer*, but it features a different heroine in a different time travel adventure altogether. It's definitely on my list to read either way.

From crocodiles and kidnappings to ancient artifacts and changing history, Serena's quest captures the imagination as she learns what remains truly most important in matters of the heart, no matter one's place in time and space.

Megan says

The Scholar was a very easy book to read and I enjoyed the romantic aspect, though it played a much larger role than I was expecting I couldn't help but love it and it was a clean romance.

The book begins with Serena clinging to ledge of a building (1,200+ ft. up) in New York (which I think is the Empire State building but it's never clearly said so I'm not sure) and she hear the voice of her dead mother telling her to "let go and fly". Which she does. This is the way she ends up time-traveling to Egypt to the year 2361 B.C., which I found so strange and I'm sure how I feel about it. On one hand it makes it more understandable then how more people aren't time-traveling, if you have to be so sure that you will or you'll die. But on the other hand it was never clearly explained, hardly at all really, so when Serena is talking about finding any tall building later on in the book to jump from I was confused. Was it supposed to be just falling from a certain height that triggered the time-travel? Or was it her knowledge that it was possible and therefore made it happen? So confusing!

I very much enjoyed where the story was set, have always loved reading about ancient Egypt, but even though I've always had an interest in Egypt's history I haven't retained many of the names of rulers so I'm not sure how accurate the characters are...or if they're meant to be. If they represent real ones or if the authors made them up was never said, which is a little annoying. Not terribly annoying but it does bug me.

I do wish the story would have mentioned the time of year, such as every time the week or month changed, instead of not at all. It's not that big of a deal, just something that I always prefer books to have when the details in the story don't tell you.

The details of the story made me feel as though I were there, which is always nice. I enjoyed the use of Egyptian words, even though it was hard to follow sometimes as the words weren't always explained right away, it made me relate with how Serena must have felt. At least at first because she didn't recognize them either. However, it was hard to remember them and when Serena knew them in the story the English translation didn't appear as often so I either had to flip back and try to find one of the earlier uses or just ignore the word (which is what I usually did). I don't think this hurt my enjoyment of the story though, the only reason I mention it is so that if you choose to read the story maybe you'll write them down and save yourself the hassle of either searching or trying to remember what they meant. But the richness the use of them brought was worth the struggle, so I'm glad they were used.

Every chapter also starts with lines that I came to realize gave a short little story of their own. I think this is what Serena writes at the end, but it's never put together in one place so you's have to read the beginning of each chapter all at once (instead of reading the story in between) to get the message, at least I did. It was nice, but I felt it kind of took away from the main story itself so wish it wasn't where it was. Not sure where I would have put it in the story, but maybe when Serena's writing whatever she's writing at the end (since as I said this is what I think she's writing).

When Serena first meets the the cousins I didn't care for either of them! However, either one of them soon changed or I was able to see his true nature because I quickly loved him. Yes, he could still be very annoying, but his sweet side more than made up for it.

I would recommend reading *The Scholar* if you love historical romance and are looking for a book that's a very quick read and brings a smile to your face.

I received a complimentary copy of this book to review. I was asked to give my honest opinion of the book - which I have done.

Jennifer Bergeson says

If I were being totally honest, I would have to say that I did not expect book two to be as amazingly wonderful as the first, but I was dead wrong! It kept me captivated just as much as the first novel--I couldn't put it down! The characterization was masterfully crafted; the love story moving and enchanting. I was drawn into the novel not only by the plot but by the intensity of emotion this book evoked in me. LOVED IT!! I can't wait for the next one!!

Vanessa says

I've always found anything to do with Egypt fascinating, so when I was given this book, I was pleased. The Scholar is a fascinating novel full of adventure and good clean romance! I was immediately hooked and found it to be a great read. The authors did a fantastic job with the writing of this book and all the history and the characters were interesting and charming.

I loved the characters, especially Rabu, lol. But, really, Serena was a great character and grew throughout the whole book. I thought that she was tremendously brave when finding herself in another place and in another time period. I know I would have freaked. Shepseskaf, or Shep, was a great guy as well and I really enjoyed learning about his character throughout the book. The relationship between the two was really great as well.

The history tied in with the story was interesting and really made you feel as if you were there. There was suspense and adventure and just a good mix for a very good book. I recommend this to anyone who is intrigued by anything having to do with Egypt. And if anyone just wants a perfectly good book to read, then try this one out! Clean romance, a good story, fantastic characters and set in a place of beauty and mystery!

Check out my review at my blog! crossmyheartandhopetoread.blogspot.com

Mel says

The Scholar by Christian author, May Nicole Abbey, is a wonderfully told tale set in Ancient Egypt and is the second book in The Fall Series. From the start, the story has an air of mystery to it. The author writes so descriptively that you feel that you are traveling in time with the main character, Serena. I found the character of Shep to be very endearing. Shep and Serena's journey is one that I thoroughly enjoyed reading. I also found it very interesting how Serena's interaction with the other characters influenced her growth throughout the story.

If you enjoy reading historical romances this book is one I would recommend. This story will transport you to a different time with memorable characters.

Zoe and the Edge says

I loved reading this. It's not as good as the first book The Dreamer. I actually kind of wish there could be a title switch between this second book and The Dreamer. Rachel was ten times the scholar that Serena is and Serena is more of a dreamer than Rachel. However, compared to the average woman, Serena is a woman on a mission. Her precious Stone (with a capital S) is her passion. However, Rachel was extremely obsessed with her research and Serena is more concerned with her love triangle. In one last comparison, The Scholar

is much more edgier than *The Dreamer*. There are some uglier events that happen. I didn't mind them, but it did surprise me.

I must say it takes guts to have an Egyptian hero, let alone an Egyptian love triangle. Some how the authors pulled it off. I found the men quite attractive despite the descriptions of heavy eye make up and no hair. Serena herself has red hair and green eyes and everyone is fascinated with her foreign look.

I loved the ridiculous names.

Pepisenkaura can be gentle and seemingly reliable. He's the heir to the throne and he's serious and steady. While his personality leaves much to be desired, with characteristics such as sexism and cruelty, Serena still tugs on his heart strings.

Pepi's cousin is Shepseskaf. Shep is Pepisenkaura's opposite. Relaxed, handsome and flirtatious. You wouldn't know it, but Shep is a darling. Such a wonderfully complex character. I liked that while Serena wanted to peg him as the lazy playboy, she knows that there's more to him than meets the eye. She acknowledges that her first instinct is to distrust and dismiss him, but Shep is actually very good to her. He is the one to protect Serena's modern factor and all her modern tools. Of course at every opportunity he tries to seduce her with his buttery words (the sap!) Fortunately, his flowery compliments are more hilarious than romantic though sometimes he hits the spot when he waxes poetic.

P.S. The notes at the beginning of each chapter were annoying because they mostly are unrelated to Serena's current experiences.

Simone says

I received a free copy of this novel in exchange for my honest review. Serena, has a strong desire to travel through time to the land of Ancient Egypt, to find out about the existence of Samu Aqaru and gets more than what she's bargained for. She travels back to 2361 BC. Unfortunately, her cliff jumping time traveling has her injured by a crocodile in the Nile River and rescued by two hotties in a loincloth. That is when her adventure begins...

When May Nicole Abbey asked if I'd like to review *The Scholar*, I jumped at the chance. I loved *Dreamer* and couldn't wait to see where they would take me this time. This book certainly doesn't disappoint! There's lots of action, suspense, adventure and even a love triangle. The descriptions were excellent, I felt as if I was right there with Serena, seeing what she saw. This was quite the page turner and well worth the wait. If you enjoyed *The Dreamer*, you'll love *The Scholar*!

Kayla West says

I love anything Egyptian. Ever since I was a young girl, Ancient Egypt has intrigued me. Their lifestyles, the elegant art and hieroglyphs that have been found from their time, the pharaohs and queens that ruled...everything about it. I even for a time wanted to become an Egyptologist, and I still do to this day. So it was definitely a no-brainer to read this one. Also, the fact that it this story is hinted upon in the first book of this series didn't hurt matters.

The main character of *The Scholar*, Serena Metcalfe, is a definite contrast to Rachel Madera's character in the first book. They are the same in the fact that they are pretty much dismissed by their peers and

professors, but different in how they react their destinations. While Rachel was intrigued by everything and seemingly afraid of nothing, or so it seems, Serena is met by a different situation. She too is intrigued by the place she had only studied, but she is haunted by her past throughout part of the novel. She also encounters a horrific scene which seems to explain a sudden reseating and repositioning of the Egyptian royal family and which could also mean dire consequences for her if she reveals what she saw.

Love will rear its head, whether Serena wants it to or not. And believe me, she will fight it for all its worth for the chance to be accepted in her own time. But a sacrifice of epic proportions could change her views.

I absolutely loved this novel. It was phenomenal!!! Worthy of three exclamation points at least. And even more stars. I am going to follow this series until the very end and read each book like there is no tomorrow.

Kathy * Bookworm Nation says

Original review posted on Bookworm Nation.

I really enjoyed the Egyptian setting in this novel. I don't think I've ever read a book that takes place in this time period before and I really liked it. Serena was a pretty likable heroine; she really goes through a lot, but always remains positive. I like that she is loyal and tries to do the right thing. It does take her awhile to decide what to do about her future and to see her own worth. I liked how by the end you can see how one person really can make a difference. I liked our hero, he really grew on my throughout the story and he was very protective of Serena. I don't know much about the ancient Egyptian culture, but I don't imagine the women were treated very well. So, it was nice to see the hero treat Serena with respect. There is a bit of a love-triangle, which was handled well. There is quite a bit of action and once you start reading it's hard to put down.

I thought this was quite different than the first book in the series, maybe because of the setting? I enjoyed it though and it makes me want to read more books that take place in Egypt, fun setting. Overall, it was a fun read.

Content: Clean, PG. (view spoiler)

Sheree says

This is the second book I have read from May Nicole Abbey. I fell in love with her on her first book "The Dreamer". In The Scholar, it takes you from "falling" into the set of a Pharaohs castle. Not really understanding a word, but soon to realize and understand everything around her. It takes you through adventure and danger, understanding and misunderstandings, love and hate, feeling safe and feeling unsure and taking your emotions right along with hers. I sat and read this book in ONE day!!! I truly can't wait for her next one to come out!!! Thank you "May Nicole Abbey" for the fun and excitement of reading once again!!!

Lynelle Clark says

I received this book from the authors for an honest review.

The sisters have done it again. Bringing us an unique, gripping and exciting tale from Ancient Egypt. Their lively descriptions of the rich history of Egypt coming alive through a young woman's life who "flew" back in time and share her experiences. The plot line interesting, mesmerizing as you venture with her to the Great Nile, seeing the Pharaoh for the first time, Giza in all its splendor. Images only captured in pictures and books became real, and alive and I could almost smell the Cassia oil from the vibrant, playboy Shepseskaf, seducer and protector, and best friend. A scent perfect for him. Strong, woody but yet sweet, getting under your skin, as he did with her.

Serena Metcalfe was head-strong, determined and willing to lay everything aside to get her doctorate and the recognition she deserved. But when she met this handsome prince, she was confronted with more than just her loyalties. Faith, hope and trust became the center of the story line as interesting twists gave you a better look at life and the believes of these ancient people.

To them she was Isis personified, with her light skin and fiery hair she stood out. Her love, tenderness and care always in the forefront as she fights the odds, seemingly indestructible. She is confronted with her own vainness, her scars a constant reminder with beauty was all around her and Shep accepted her as she was. A beautiful love story grew in the midst of distrust, abduction and murder always seeking the elusive Stone, Samu Aqaru. Will she find it?

Well get the book and find out, my lips are sealed. **smile**

A wonderful journey with all its ups and downs that keep you glued to the pages of the book as you learn more about the people, the country and the man.

The many other characters were believable and strong, each playing their part in the book to make it memorable. Each creating a better understanding of the times and how vastly we differ from them. The harshness of the desert and the ugliness of betrayal not concealed to think that this was make-believe. Filled with action and adventure with a good dash of romance The Scholar was an enjoyable read.

Thanks to Shawnette and Caroline for the opportunity to read another of their books.
